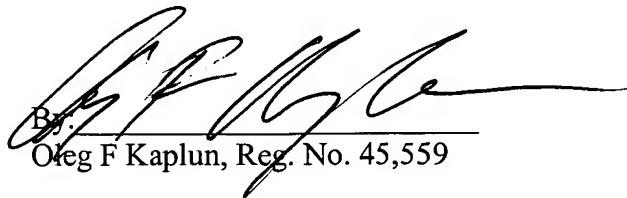


**REMARKS**

Claims 2-12, 14-19, 22-24, 26 and 28-30 have been amended. Thus, claims 1-31 remain pending in this application. No new matter has been added. It is respectfully submitted that all of the presently pending claims are new, non-obvious and useful. An early and favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

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